fell in with sixteen, whereof they foundered one, and whilst they were busy seeking to take the spoil off her, the rest escaped and recovered Tercera With all speed therefore our fleet followed them to Tercera, where they had entered some six hours before and had moored their ships under the town and fort

Now there was a general council called aboard the Admiral what course to take herein, some of the colonels and captains offering with 1,500 men to take both island and forts but the sea commanders utterly against it, so that in the end it was deemed inconvenient and impossible to be effected as the forces then stood, and the time of year so far spent, with the winds and seas grown so tempestuous for landing in boats The fleet therefore returned to St Michael's and there anchored

There it was consulted about landing and the taking of this good town, promising so many rewards to the victors The General appointed that all companies should be made ready to land forthwith, but the Rear-admiral asked that he might first be permitted to view the place and to find out where the army might best make a descent To this the Lord General at first yielded, but as Sir Walter was putting off, and scarce gone from the ship's side, my Lord, standing in his gallery with Sir Charles Blount, called him back again in great haste, and said that lie would go himself and view it Whereupon the Rear-admiral returned again, and my Lord went out of the ship into his barge, unarmed altogether but with his collar and sword, and without either shot or pike to wait on him Sir Walter there-fore called aloud to him, desiring him to take his

casque and targetproof with him if he purposed to go near the shore, seeing there lay so many muskets on the rest there to receive him Whereunto my Lord answered that he would none, because he disdained to take any advantage of the watermen that rowed with him

The landing places being viewed afar off were not so well liked, so that upon another consultation being held it was agreed that the Rear-admiral, with all the strength of the fleet, should he as near before the town of St Michael as conveniently they could to hold them in expectation whilst my